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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF G.K. REDDY ARTICLE TITLED:

"CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF WEST TO INDIA" APPEARING IN
SEPTEMBER 27 HINDU.

QUOTE.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NOTABLE VARIATIONS IN THE BIG
POWER ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDIA IN THE LAST 15 MONTHS,
LEADING TO A MORE REALISTIC ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTRY'S
EMERGENCE AS A VIGOROUS AND VIABLE POLITICO-ECONOMIC

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TNTITY, FIRMLY ADHERING TO ITS OWN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

POLICIES UNTRAMMELLED BY FOREIGN CRITICISM.

IN THE PROCESS, THE INDIAN ATTITUDES ALSO HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH A CORRESPONDING CHANGE, WITH THE RESULT THAT A CREDIBLE DISTINCTION IS NOW BEING MADE BETWEEN ILL-INFORMED CRITICISM AND WILFUL MISREPRESENTATION OF INDIA'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS.

IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE EMERGENCY, THE PROMPT SUPPORT EXTENDED BY SOME FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR THE STEPS TAKEN TO COPE WITH THE KIND OF CRISIS THAT HAD ARISEN WAS NATURALLY VIEWED AS A TOKEN OF FUNDAMENTAL GOODWILL FOR INDIA IN ITS ASPIRATIONS FOR DISCIPLINED DEVELOPMENT. BUT THE MERE FACT THAT SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES TENDED TO DECRY THIS ACTION IS NO LONGER BEING LOOKED UPON AS AN INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIER TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INDIAN SCENE.

THE CONTINUING CRITICISM IN THE WEST IS, THEREFORE, SEEN MORE AS A DISTORTION THAN DISAPPROVAL OF INDIA'S BID FOR ORDERLY PROGRESS THROUGH A REORIENTATION OF ITS SOCIAL SYSTEM. WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS THAT THERE IS NOW AN INCREASING RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR SOME SERIOUS RETHINKING ON THE BASIC PURPOSES OF DEMOCRACY AND THEIR APPLICABILITY TO EMERGENT NATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR OWN LOCAL CONDITIONS. THE VERY BASIS OF AN IDEOLOGICAL APPROACH TO DIFFERING POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE THIRD WORLD IS THUS UNDERGOING A RADICAL CHANGE, AS THE BIG POWERS READJUST THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDIA SHEDDING SOME OF THE OLD FIXATIONS.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAS BEEN QUITE SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD BOTH IN ITS CONCEPT AND APPLICATION. THEY HAVE TAKEN THE STAND THAT IT IS NOT THEIR BUSINESS TO QUESTION THE RELEVANCE OF THE COUNTRY'S ACTIONS IN DEALING WITH POLITICAL DISSENSION FOR PRESERVING ITS NATIONAL INTEGRITY AND ENSURING GREATER COHESION. SO AS FRIENDLY COUNTRIES THEY FELT IT WAS THEIR DUTY TO EXTEND UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE PROMULGATION OF THE EMERGENCY WHICH WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT.

THE CHINESE ADOPTED AN EQUALLY REALISTIC ATTITUDE IN TAKING NOTE OF THE DYNAMICS OF THE NEW SITUATION AND RESPONDING TO THE MOVES FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH INDIA, IN A CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT TO REGAIN SOME OF THEIR LOST INFLUENCE IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. THEY HAVE REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SINO-INDIAN NORMALISATION IN RESTORING SOME

DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE AMONG OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES IN THEIR
POLITICAL PURSUITS IN THE REGION.

THE WESTERN POWERS, TOO, HAVE STARTED SHEDDING THEIR
EARLIER INHIBITIONS AND MAKING THE NECESSARY OVERTURES TO
UNDO THE DAMAGE DONE BY UNFRIENDLY AND AT TIMES EVEN HOSTILE
REACTION TO THE RECENT INDIAN EVENTS. THERE ARE ENOUGH
INDICATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES THAT NO MATTER WHO BECOMES
THE NEXT PRESIDENT, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE SUITABLE
STEPS TO UNDO THE HARM DONE TO INDI-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE
BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN
DISSOCIATING THEMSELVES FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL WHICH HAS BEEN CARRYING ON A
VIRULENT ANTI-INDIAN CAMPAIGN IN WESTERN EUROPE. THOUGH
NONE OF THEM HAS OPENLY DISAPPROVED OF THE ADVERSE PRESS
CRITICISM IN THEIR COUNTRIES, THEY ARE ALL TAKING STEPS
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH INDIA IN THE BELIEF THAT THE

PRESENT STRAINS ARE ONLY A PASSING PHASE.

THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL THESE PERCEPTIBLE CHANGES IN THE
BIG POWER ATTITUDES IS THAT THERE IS NOT ONLY A
BETTER UNDERSTANDING BUT ALSO GREATER TOLERANCE ABROAD OF
THE ACTION TAKEN TO STABILISE THE INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM.
THIS IS, NO DOUBT, A REASSURING SIGN THAT IF A COUNTRY
HAS THE FIRMNESS OF PURPOSE AND FAITH IN THE VALIDITY
OF ITS ACTION, WORLD OPINION WILL SOONER OR LATER BEGIN
TO TAKE NOTE OF THE BENEFICIAL FEATURES DESPITE ITS EARLIER
RESERVATIONS.

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR THAT HAS GONE A LONG
WAY IN INFLUENCING THE CHANGE IN WESTERN ATTITUDES HAS BEEN
THE RAPID INCREASE OF INDIAN PRESTIGE IN THE AFRO-ASIAN
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COUNTRIES WHICH ARE LOOKING UPON INDIA AS A MAJOR POWER
CENTRE IN ITS OWN RIGHT HAVING EMERGED STRONGER FROM THE
ORDEALS OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. THE FACT THAT IT IS ABLE
TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AS THEIR SPOKESMAN IN VARIOUS WORLD
FORUMS AND ACT AS A RALLYING FORCE IN MOBILISING AFRO-ASIAN
OPINION HAS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE
INITIATIVES OF SOME OF THE BIG POWERS TO IMPROVE THEIR
RELATIONS WITH INDIA BEFORE THEY ARE EDGED OUT BY
OTHERS WITH HIGHER STAKES IN THE REGION.

THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER TO TANZANIA
AND ZAMBIA, THE TWO COUNTRIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE
FIVE FRONT-LINE SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES, COULD NOT HAVE
TAKEN PLACE AT A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME. THE VISIT WILL HELP
TO FORTIFY THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S FAITH IN INDIA'S TOTAL

IDENTIFICATION WITH THEIR STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL EUQUALITY AND
FREEDOM. AND WITH ITS INCREASED PRESTIGE ON THE INTERNATINAL
SCENE, INDIA CAN PLAY ITS RIGHTFUL ROLE IN HELPING TO SHAPE
THE COURSE OF EVENTS THERE. UNQUOTE. SCOTT

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